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CITY OF STAMFORD

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G

The Charter currently provides that if there is a vacancy in the office of the City Council, City Clerk or City Treasurer, that the City Council may, by majority vote, appoint a successor. It further requires if the appointment is not made within thirty working days of the vacancy, then council shall immediately call for a special election to be held within 120 days for the purpose of filling such vacancy, unless the earliest next general municipal or next county or statewide election with which a city election may be consolidated is no more than 180 days from the call for special election. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until such time as a successor may be elected at the earliest of the next general municipal election, or the next county or statewide election, with which a city election may be consolidated. The elected successor shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The proposed amendment would require that a person appointed shall serve in that position until a successor is elected if the term of office expires at the next general municipal election. If, however, the term of office does not expire at the next general municipal election, and the nomination period for the next general municipal election has not commenced, then a successor shall be elected at the next general municipal election and serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the term of office does not expire at the next general municipal election, but the nomination period for the next general municipal election has already commenced, then the person appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

If the Council does not make an appointment within thirty days, or if the Council chooses not to appoint, then council shall immediately call for a special election to be held within one hundred twenty (120) days for the purpose of filling such vacancy, unless the earliest next general municipal election is no more than one hundred eighty (180) days from the call for special election.

This Measure requires approval of a majority of voters. A "yes" vote for this Measure will eliminate the requirement that the elections be consolidated with the county or statewide elections. A "no" vote against this Measure will require that the election to fill a vacancy be consolidated with a county or statewide election.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G. IF YOU DESIRE A COPY OF THE MEASURE, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, OR THE EXISTING CHARTER, PLEASE CALL THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (818) 548-2090, AND A COPY WILL BE MAILED AT NO COST TO YOU.

/s/ MICHAEL J. GARCIA
City Attorney

CITY CLERK
JULIA S. AMADIO
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VOTE YES ON MEASURE G to avoid costly elections for the City, run by the County.

There is an unintended consequence currently contained in the City's Charter. Unlike most cities, which have the option to fill a Council vacancy by election or appointment depending on the date of an upcoming general municipal election, the City Charter requires that the Council consolidate its election with the County. What this means is that the City must incur the roughly \$250,000 cost to consolidate with the County election, even if a City-run general municipal election is one or two years away.

After a vacancy occurred on the City Council in April 2013, and the position was temporarily filled by appointment, the City faced just this situation. This Charter requirement also resulted in two elections within a one-year period to fill one Council seat. This is time-consuming, costly, and inefficient.

This amendment will eliminate the requirement of consolidating with a County or Statewide election and leave local elections in Glendale. Consolidating with the County also removes the oversight of our own elected City Clerk and the oversight of our own community.

This amendment does not remove the requirement that a special election be called if an appointment cannot be made.

Lastly, appointed officials will not have lengthy terms. The amendment requires that if a vacancy occurs before the commencement of the nomination period for the next general municipal election, then the successor must be elected at the next general municipal election, to serve the unexpired term.

A YES vote will ensure that the City is not mandated to consolidate with costly county or statewide elections at the expense of the taxpayer.

Signed,

City of Glendale City Council

/s/ Dave Weaver, Mayor

/s/ Laura Friedman, Council Member

/s/ Ara Najarian, Council Member

/s/ Frank Quintero, Council Member

/s/ Zareh Sinanyan, Council Member